



**UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

REGION 5

77 WEST JACKSON BOULEVARD

CHICAGO, IL 60604-3590

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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:  
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**CERTIFIED MAIL**  
**RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

Brian Schaper, Registered Agent  
All American RV Resorts I, LLC  
2042 Broadway Avenue  
Fort Wayne, Indiana 46802

Subject: Request for Voluntary Restoration

Dear Mr. Schaper:

The U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is notifying you of its findings that approximately one (1) acre of forested and shrub-scrub wetland have been filled without a Clean Water Act Section 404 permit at two locations within your Blue Lake Campground at 5453 North Blue Lake Road, in Churubusco, Whitely County, Indiana (see Exhibit 1 for an outline of the wetland impacts). EPA confirms the wetland impacts found by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) and the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) in 2011. EPA will provide you a limited window in which you may voluntarily remove all fill material shown on Exhibit 1 except for a small area of fill to accommodate the existing 'gazebo road'. For any fill that remains, you would be required to mitigate for those impacts by either creating or restoring at least a like amount of wetlands – any after-the-fact permitting will be handled by the Corps and IDEM.

To the degree that the fill removal impacts currently located trailers, EPA suggests that realignment of your existing trailer configuration may be necessary. In other words, it appears up to eight trailer lots may need to be relocated northward along with their access road to avoid impacting shoreline wetlands. EPA will consider your unique situation in determining the final configuration of your campground relative to protecting Blue Lake water quality.

To proceed with a voluntary agreement, EPA would need you to submit for its review and approval a wetland restoration plan that details the areas and means of wetland restoration, replanting, monitoring and the management of invasive and non-native plant species for an extended period of time to ensure the wetland restoration is successful. As an incentive to voluntarily restore the site's wetlands, EPA is prepared to close this file upon completion of all restoration activities without triggering further, punitive enforcement measures.

Please reply with your decision within three weeks of your receipt of this letter on whether you will proceed with voluntary wetland restoration. If, in the meantime, you have any questions, please call Greg Carlson of my staff at 312/886-0124. Mr. Marty Maupin, IDEM, is your state contact at 317/233-2471.

Sincerely,



Peter Swenson, Branch Chief  
Watersheds and Wetlands Branch  
U.S. EPA – Region 5

Enclosure: Exhibit 1 – Site Impact Map

cc: Marty Maupin, IDEM, Indianapolis, IN  
Scott Matthews, Corps, Indianapolis, IN



